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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hideaki Nagakubo et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Backlight Device and Liquid Crystal)
Display Device)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.